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Tunstall Cottage (Geddes House)


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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Somerset TOWN Princess Anne VICINITY STREET NO. Church and Broad Sts. ORIGINAL OWNER Captain John Tunstall ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Mr. & Mrs. John Jeffries PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Beaded Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 1 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME Tunstall Cottage DATE OR PERIOD c. 1705 STYLE Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER Captain John Tunstall	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC no	
<p>This house is a typical town cottage of the early colonial period on the Eastern Shore. It is one-and-half storeys high with an "A" roof. The house is 4 bays wide and 2 bays deep. The door is the second bay from the left. All of the windows are 6/6. There is one small dormer centered on the roof. There are two exterior chimneys, one on either end of the house. The one on the left is attached to the house while the one on the right is completely free standing above the fireplace level. Separated from the house by at least a foot and a half, it rises to well above the peak of the roof. The house has a small kitchen wing at the rear with an attached end chimney. The interior of this house has been restored. The panelling is superb for a house of this size. There is an enclosed stairway with very good beaded vertical panelling. Instead of rising up around the fireplace, the staircase rises through the center of the house between the two main rooms. Tunstall Cottage is very well kept up and furnished with beautiful American antiques. It's gardens contain much boxwood and many other fine plantings. It is the oldest inhabited dwelling in Princess Anne.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior Exterior excellent
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7. PHOTOGRAPH		8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman		DATE OF RECORD August 1, 1967	

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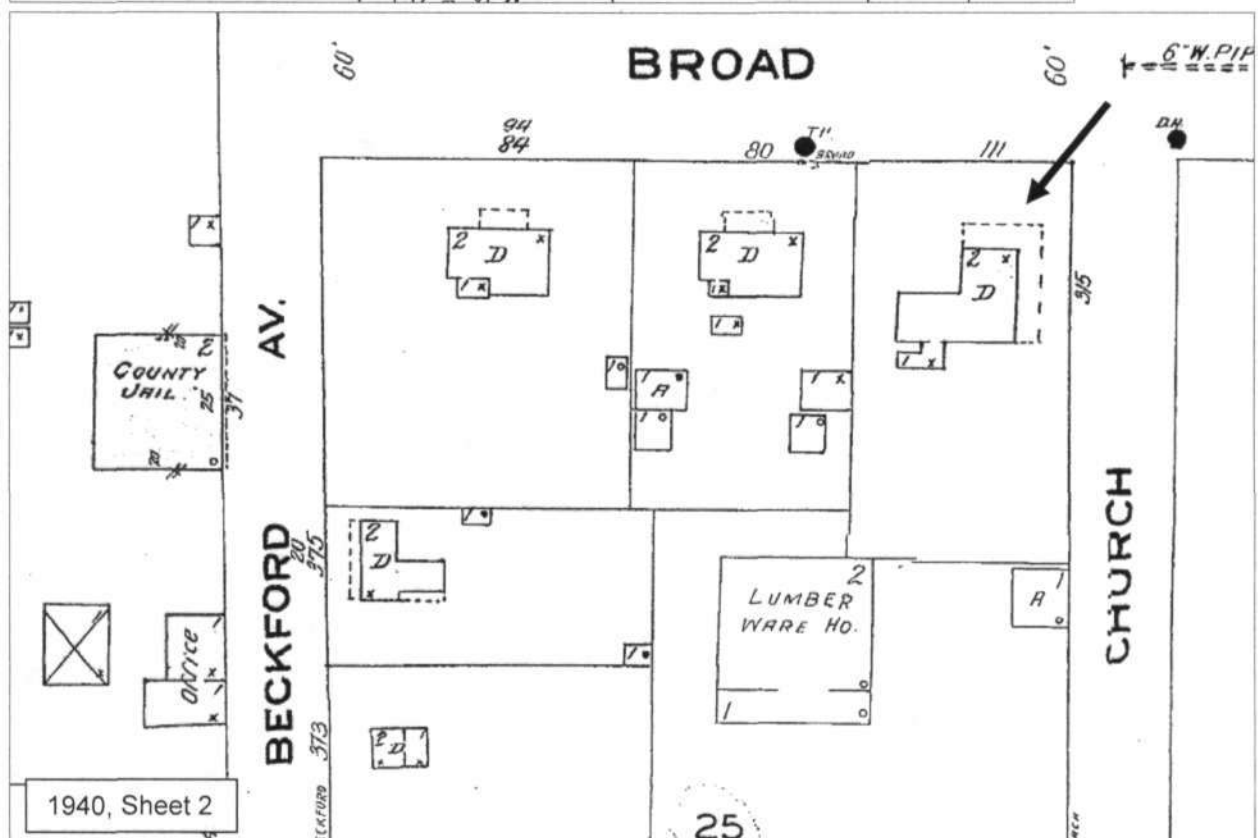
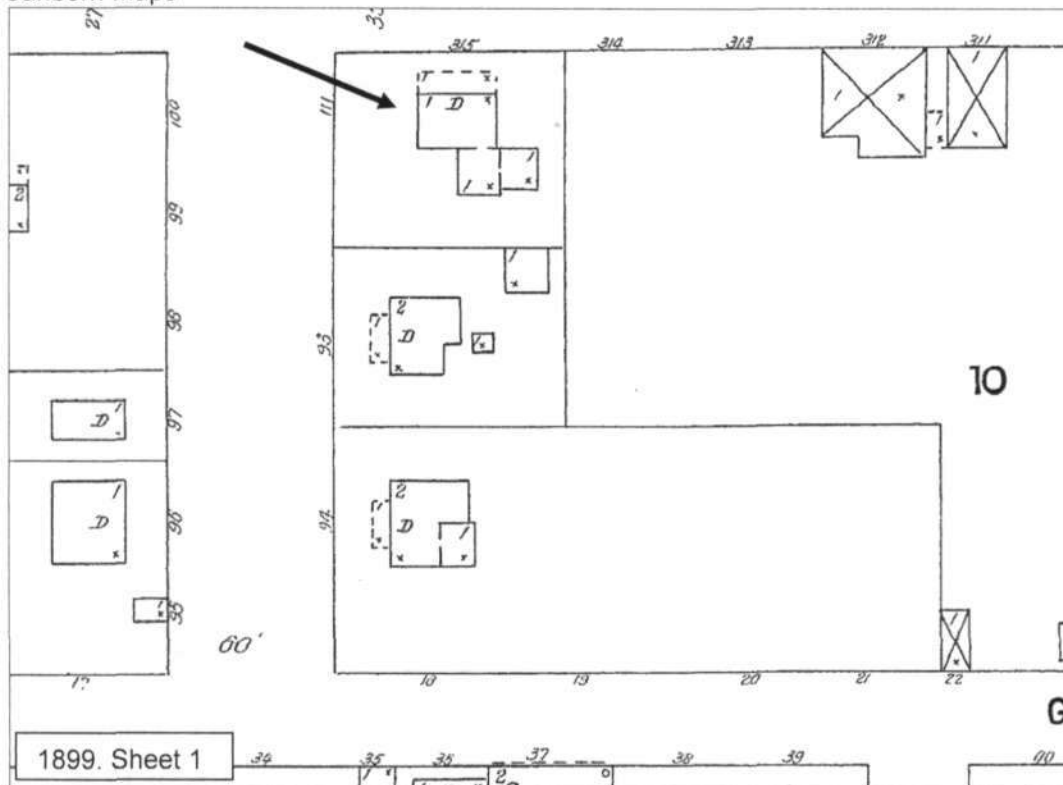
Lake, Griffing & Stevenson (1877) Atlas of Wicomico, Worcester, & Somerset Counties, Maryland.

Princess Anne detail



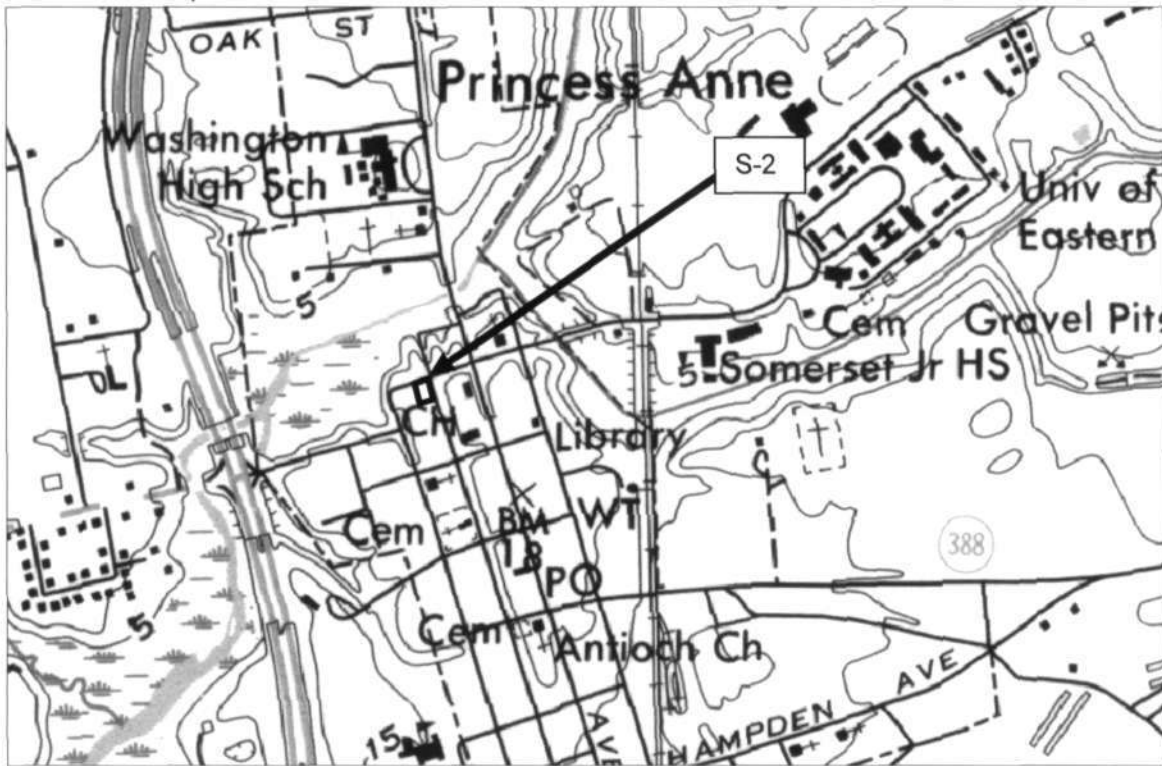
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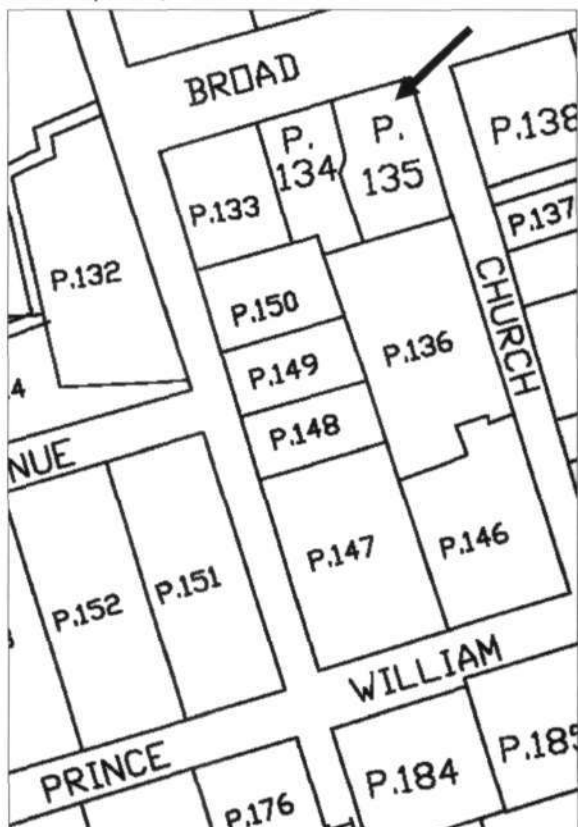
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Princess Anne quad 1972



Tax Map 202, P. 135

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010





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Princess Anne, Somerset County, MD
East elevation
1967, Daniel Church, photographer
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